1th Councilmanic District

Larry Short, Petitioner

* ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 93-367-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAN

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as an administrative variance filed by Larry Short for that property known as 8898 Avenue B in the eastern section of Baltimore County. The Petitioner herein seeks a variance from Section 440.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory structure (inground pool) to be located in the front yard, in lieu of the required rear yard, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Peti-

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Residential Variance and the subject property having been posted, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 26-127 (b)(1) of the Baltimore County Code. Based upon the inforrequested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner.

This property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is subject to compliance with the recommendations to be made by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM), pursuant to Section 500.14 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), upon completion of their findings. The relief granted herein shall be conditioned upon Petitioner's compliance with said findings

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this <u>8</u> day of May, 1993 that the Petition for a Zoning Variance from Section 440.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory structure (inground pool) to be located in the front yard, in lieu of the required rear yard, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. Compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management recommendations to be submitted upon completion of their review of this matter.

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Affidavit in support of Administrative Variance

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, as follows: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that Affiant(s) is/are competent to testify thereto in the event that a public hearing is acheduled in the future with regard thereto. That the Affiant(s) does/do presently reside at 8898 Avenue B

Baltimore Md 2121

That based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for an Ada determination for the front and

ec(s) that if a protest is filed, Affiant(s) will be required to pay a reposting and advertising fee and

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the Affiants(s) herein, personally known or satisfactorily identified to me as such Affiantt(s), and made outh in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true and correct to the best or higher/their knowledge and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Scal. April 1, 1994

My Commission Expires 5/1/94

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 8898 AVENUE B AT A DISTANCE OF 10 ft. AND OPPOSITE MCCOMAS RD. BEING LOT # 27 AS RECORDED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PLAT BOOK #7, FOLIO # 147 CONTAINING .306 ACT. ALSO KNOWN AS 8898 AVENUE B LOCATED IN THE 15th. ELECTION DISTRICT.

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

(410) 887-4386

May 27, 1993

Mr. Larry Short 8898 Avenue B Baltimore, Maryland 21219

> RE: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 93-367-A 8898 Avenue B

Dear Mr. Short:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Administrative Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

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Larry R. Short

8898 Avenue B.

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required rear ward.

Petition for Administrative Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 440.1 To allow an accessory structure (inground pool) to be located in the front yard in lieu of the

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) determination for the front or back of yard SITUATION OF INGROUND DOOL IN FRONT OF YARD
Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to

be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do sciemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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May 20, 1993

Mr. Larry Short 8898 Avenue B Baltimore, MD 21219

> RE: Case No. 93-367-A, Item No. 382 Petitioner: Larry Short Petition for Administrative Variance

Dear Mr. Short:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on April 23. 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

My telephone number is ____

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: May 4, 1993

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

Item Nos. 359, 360, 367, 368, 370, 381 and 382.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon, Director

Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. James Dieter

SUBJECT: Petition for Zoning Variance - Item 382 Short Property Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings

93-367-A JUN 1 1993
Findings Short JUN 1 1993

DATE: May 27, 1993

SITE LOCATION

The subject property is located at 8898 Avenue B. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is classified as a Limited Development Area (LDA).

APPLICANT'S NAME Mr. Larry Short

APPLICANT PROPOSAL

The applicant has requested a variance from section 440.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit "an accessory structure (in ground pool) to be located in the front yard".

GOALS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM

In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, all project approvals shall be based on a finding which assures that proposed projects are consistent with the following goals of the Critical Area Law:

- 1. "Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have runoff from surrounding lands:
- 2. Conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat; and
- 3. Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts* <COMAR 14.15.10.01.0>.

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon May 27, 1993

REGULATIONS AND FINDINGS

Regulation: "A minimum 100 foot buffer shall be established landward from the mean high water line of tidal waters, tidal wetlands, and tributary streams" <Baltimore County Code Section

<u>Finding:</u> This pool is located more than 100 feet from the tidal waters of Old Road Bay. Therefore, this is in compliance with the above regulation.

Regulation: "Dredging, filling, or construction other than approved bulkheading shall not be permitted in any non-tidal and tidal wetlands unless the proposed development consists of utility, bridge, or street development in a non-tidal wetland and unless the Director of Environmental Protection and Resource Management finds this proposed development not detrimental to the County's Wetland Management

<u>Finding:</u> No tidal or non-tidal wetlands were found on this site, or in the vicinity of the site. Therefore, no dredging, filling, or construction shall occur in any tidal or non-tidal wetland for this project, and this regulation has been met.

- 3a. Regulation: "If a parcel or lot one-half acre or less in size was in residential use or zoned for residential purposes on or before December 1, 1985, then man-made impervious surfaces associated with that use are limited to 25% of the parcel or lot" <Baltimore County Code, Section 26-543(e)(1)>.
- 3b. <u>Policy:</u> "If permitted development on a property currently exceeds the 15% impervious surface limit, that percentage may be maintained during redevelopment of the property" <Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management Policy Manual>.

Finding: The pool on this site was existing at the time of program approval and can therefore remain. The garage is proposed to be located on top of an existing impervious gravel surface. Therefore, this proposal is in compliance with the above regulations and policies.

Regulation: "If no forest is established on proposed development sites, these sites shall be planted to provide a forest or developed woodland cover of at least 15% <COMAR 14.15.02.04 C.(5)(e)>.

Finding: This property has existing trees that meet the 15% afforestation requirement. However, homeowners are always encouraged to plant additional trees. Trees are an important factor in improving water quality. The roots of trees greatly improve the infiltration rate of storm water and efficiently remove nitrogen from subsurface flows of groundwater. Trees also act as both a barrier and a sponge, blocking and absorbing eroding soils and the phosphorous associated

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Advisory Committee May 3, 1993 Captain Jerry Pfeifer Fire Department

Comments for 05/10/93 Meeting

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Mr. Arnold E. Jablon

maximum infiltration.

contact Ms. Patricia M. Farr at 887-3980.

Regulation: "Infiltration of stormwater shall be maximized

points" <Baltimore County Code, Section 26-453(h)(2)>.

throughout the site, rather than directing flow to single discharge

Finding: Stormwater runoff shall be directed from impervious surfaces associated with this plan, to pervious areas, to encourage

The Zoning Variance shall be conditioned so the project proposal is in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations and Findings

listed above. This proposal does comply with Chesapeake Bay Critical Area

Regulations and is therefore approved. If there are any questions, please

Department of Environmental Protection

May 27, 1993

CONCLUSION

JJD: NSP: tmm

cc: Mr. Larry Short

Townhouses for which the initial building Item 374 permit is applied for after 07/01/92 shall be sprinklered. Item 375 No Comments Item 376 No Comments No Comments Item 378 No Comments Item 379 No Comments Item 380 No Comments No Comments Item 382 No Comments Item 383 No Comments **Item 384** No Comments Item 385 No Comments



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

May 20, 1993

93-367-A

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #382 8898 Avenue B Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 3, 1993

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management requests an extension for the review of the above-referenced zoning item to determine whether the proposed development is in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations. The applicant must submit a Critical Area Findings Plan for review and approval by this Department prior to preparation of a Critical Area Findings for the development. The applicant may contact the Environmental Impact Review Section at 887-3980 for details.

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

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Be: CASE MREER: 93-367-A (Item 382) 8896 Avenue B - NH/S Avenue B, 10' SH & opposite McComes Road 15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Larry Short

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that your Petition for Administrative Zoning Variance has been assigned the above case number. Any contact made with this office should reference the case number. This letter also serves as a refresher regarding the administrative process.

1) Your property will be posted on or before May 9, 1993. The closing data (May 24, 1993) is the desciling for a neighbor to file a formal request for a public bearing. After the closing date, the file will he reviewed by the Zoning or Deputy Zoning Commissioner. Bt that time, an Order will issue. This Order may (a) great the requested relief, (b) deny the requested relief, or (c) demand that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification as to whether or not your petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing.

2) In cases requiring public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by Order of the Commissioner), the property will be reposted and notice of the hearing will appear in a Baltimore County nonepaper. Charges related to the reposting and nonepaper advertising are payable by the patitioner(s).

3) Places he edvised that you must return the sign and post to this office. They may be returned after the closing date. Failure to return the sign and post will result in a \$50.00 charge.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THE DATE AFTER THE POSTING PERIOD, THE PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETE. THE FILE MUST GO THROUGH FINAL REVIEW AND THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. WHEN THE ORDER IS READY IT WILL BE FORMARDED TO YOU VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL. ORDERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR A

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